



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Medicaid Purchasing Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

WAC 388-545-300 Occupational therapy;
WAC 388-545-500 Physical Therapy;
WAC 388-545-700 Speech/Audiology services
WAC 388-545-900 Neurodevelopmental centers
WAC 388-551-2110 Home health services – Covered specialized therapy

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.08.090, 43.88.290

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Upon order of the Governor, the Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) must reduce its budget expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 by 6.3%. To achieve this expenditure reduction, MPA is changing the benefit limit for adults, twenty-one years of age and older, for outpatient rehabilitation (which includes occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy). The new benefit limits apply to skilled therapy services through a Medicare-certified Home Health Agency as well as therapies provided by physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists in outpatient hospital clinics and free-standing therapy clinics.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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